

EXHIBIT D:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Site Cleanup

EVERETT SHIPYARD SITE

1016 14th Street
Everett, Washington

DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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This plan is for you!

This public participation plan is prepared for the Everett Shipyard site cleanup as part of the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The plan provides information about MTCA cleanup actions and requirements for public involvement, and identifies how Ecology, the Port of Everett, and Everett Shipyard will support public involvement throughout the cleanup. The plan is intended to encourage coordinated and effective public involvement tailored to the community's needs at Everett Shipyard.

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1.0: Introduction and Overview of the Public Participation Plan

This Public Participation Plan explains how you can become involved in improving the health of your community. It describes public participation opportunities that will be conducted during cleanup of a site on the Everett waterfront – the Everett Shipyard site. Everett Shipyard is located at 1016 14th Street, in Everett, Washington. These opportunities are part of a cooperative agreement between the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), the Port of Everett (Port) and Everett Shipyard, Inc. (Everett Shipyard). The current agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document in which the Port, Everett Shipyard, and Ecology agree to decide on cleanup actions for the Everett Shipyard site. These cleanup actions and the public participation process that helps guide them, are established in Washington’s Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).¹

Under MTCA, Ecology is responsible to provide timely information and meaningful chances for the public to learn about and comment on important cleanup decisions before they are made. The goals of the public participation process are:

- To promote understanding of the cleanup process so that the public has the necessary information to participate.
- To encourage involvement through a variety of public participation opportunities.

This Public Participation Plan provides a framework for open dialogue about the cleanup among community members, Ecology, cleanup site owners, and other interested parties. It outlines basic MTCA requirements for community involvement activities that will help ensure that this exchange of information takes place during the investigation and cleanup, which include:

- Notifying the public about available reports and studies about the site.
- Notifying the public about review and comment opportunities during specific phases of the cleanup investigation.
- Providing appropriate public participation opportunities such as fact sheets to learn about cleanup documents, and if community interest exists, holding meetings to solicit input and identify community concerns.
- Considering public comments received during public comment periods.

¹ The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is the contaminated site cleanup law for the State of Washington. The full text of the law can be found in Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 70.105D. The legal requirements and criteria for public notice and participation during MTCA cleanup investigations can be found in Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Section 173-340-600.

In addition to these basic requirements, the plan may include additional site-specific activities to meet the needs of your community. Based upon the type of the proposed cleanup action, the level of public concern, and the risks posed by the site, Ecology may decide that additional public involvement opportunities are appropriate.

These opportunities form the basis for the public participation process. The intent of this plan is to:

- Provide complete and current information to all interested parties.
- Let you know when there are opportunities to provide input.
- Listen to concerns.
- Address those concerns.

Part of the Puget Sound Initiative

Everett Shipyard is one of a number of sites in the Everett area and is part of a larger cleanup effort called the Puget Sound Initiative (PSI). Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature authorized the PSI as a regional approach to protect and restore Puget Sound. The PSI includes cleaning up 50-60 contaminated sites within one-half mile of the Sound. These sites are grouped in several bays around the Sound for “baywide” cleanup efforts. As other sites in the Everett baywide area move forward into investigation and cleanup, information about them will be provided to the community as well as to interested people and groups.

Roles and Responsibilities

Ecology will lead public involvement activities, with support from the Port and Everett Shipyard. Ecology maintains overall responsibility and approval authority for the activities outlined in this plan. The Port and Everett Shipyard are responsible for cleanup at this site. Ecology will oversee all cleanup activities, and ensure that contamination on this site is cleaned up to concentrations that are established in state regulations and that protect human health and the environment.

Organization of this Public Participation Plan

The sections that follow in this plan provide:

- Section 2: Background information about the Everett Shipyard site.
- Section 3: An overview of the local community that this plan is intended to engage.
- Section 4: Public involvement opportunities in this cleanup.

This Public Participation Plan addresses current conditions at the site, but it is intended to be a dynamic working document that will be reviewed at each phase of the cleanup, and updated as needed. Ecology, the Port, and Everett Shipyard urge the public to become involved in the cleanup process.